

## 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: North Gifford Pinchot Resource Advisory Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

### 2. Fiscal Year

2018

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

North Gifford Pinchot Resource Advisory Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

70510

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

06/21/2016

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

06/21/2018

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

Not Applicable

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

The SRS and Community Self-Determination Act as reauthorized in PL 110-343 and PL 112-141.

### 13. Effective Date

10/03/2008

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee Other Committee

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00

<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$0.00	\$10,500.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.13

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The purpose of a Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act resource advisory committee is to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service consistent with Division C, Title VI of Public Law 110-343. The Act describes the duties of the committees as follows: to review projects proposed by counties and other interested parties; to recommend projects and funding; to provide early and continuous coordination with Forest Service officials; to provide frequent opportunities for citizens, organizations, tribes, land management agencies and other interested parties to participate openly and meaningfully, beginning in the early stages of project development; to monitor projects approved under the Act; to advise the designated federal official on the progress of monitoring; and to make recommendations for any appropriate changes or adjustments to projects being monitored.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The committee is comprised of 15 members, five in each of three categories prescribed in the Act. Within each category, the Act identifies specific interests members are to represent. Committees are formed in geographic areas to ensure each national forest located within a participating county or counties has access to a resource advisory committee. The Act requires members to be residents of the state or states within which the committee has jurisdiction.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The committee generally will meet 1-2 times per year or as needed to perform its duties. In FY19 we plan to conduct an orientation for new members before having the committee meet to review and discuss project proposals.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The RAC is necessary to improve collaborative relationships among the people that use and care for the National Forests and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

N/A.

## 21. Remarks

This committee did not meet or make recommendations in FY18. . Congress did reauthorize the SRS program in Spring of 2018. During the course of FY18 Work was done to recruit new members, put together application packages, communicate with existing members, conduct FACA reporting requirements, research on Rec RAC/SRS RAC integration, and to submit a request to combine RACS. It is anticipated that the new charter will be signed this fall and that we will be able to proceed with RAC member vetting and selection in order to solicit projects and make funding recommendations.

## Designated Federal Officer

Gina Owens Forest Supervisor, Gifford Pinchot National Forest

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Fenbert, Joe	06/21/2016	06/20/2020	Member - White Pass School Board	Representative Member
Fund, Edna	06/21/2016	06/20/2020	County Commissioner - Lewis County	Representative Member
Krabbe, Pete	06/21/2016	06/20/2020	Timber Industry (40 years)	Representative Member
Stamper, Gary	06/21/2016	06/20/2020	County Commissioner - Lewis County	Representative Member
Toenyan, Nancy	06/21/2016	06/20/2020	Crew Supervisor/Forestry Technician – Washington Conservation Corps	Representative Member
Townsend, Mitchel	06/21/2016	06/20/2020	Bachelor of Arts – History, University of Puget Sound; Personal Interest: History	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 6**

## Narrative Description

By recommending projects that maintain and improve the health of national forest ecosystems and improve cooperative relationships among the people who use and care for the national forests, the Secure Rural Schools resource advisory committees support the Forest Service mission to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The committees specifically support Forest Service strategic goals to 1. Restore, sustain, and enhance the national forests; and 2. Provide and sustain benefits to the American people.

## What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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| Improved service delivery                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000      | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Over \$10,000,000          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Cost Savings Other         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Cost Savings Comments

No previous committee with the same mandate existed prior to this committee.

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

124

### Number of Recommendations Comments

No new recommendations in FY2018. No SRS funds allocated by Congress until May of 2018. Awaiting charger renewal.

### What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

75%

### % of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

104 recommendations have been completed.

### What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or

**will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

20 recommendations are in progress.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### **Agency Feedback Comments**

The Forest Service (FS) Designated Federal Official reports to the committee on actions taken to implement approved projects. This may take the form of verbal reports and presentations at committee meetings, committee field trips and monitoring activities. Grants Review Comments: Optional for DFO to enter comments.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Action Comments**

The Forest Service reviews RAC recommended projects and, if approved, incorporates the projects into its program of work. RAC project proposals are often, but not always, in the form of grant requests.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

### **Grant Review Comments**

No Grants reviewed.

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO



Online Agency Web Site



Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



### **Access Comments**

Not applicable.